



Event: Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) Meeting

Details: Wednesday, September 27th, 2017, 6:00PM; Mordecai Visitor Center

Attendance:

HRM Board: Ed Morris, Barbara Freedman, Joe Mobley, Clare Bass, Holmes Harden, Amy Simes, Esther Hall, Sam Mordecai

Staff: Troy Burton, Stacie Perryman, Ainsley Powell, Douglas Porter, Scott Mott, Kathryn Neuhart, Ernest Dollar, Joshua Ingersoll, Jenna Kostka, Scott Payne

Community Members: None

Excused Absent:

HRM Advisory Board: Tom Ward, Steve Rabin, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Fred Belledin

Call to Order, Welcome and Public Comment, Ed Morris:

HRMAB Chair, Ed Morris, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Morris introduced the two newest board members Esther Hall and Sam Mordecai. They spoke about their professional experiences.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Morris asked the Board to review the draft minutes from Wednesday, August 23rd 2017. Ms. Freedman motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Bass seconded, and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

2. HRM Program Report:

HRM, Troy Burton:

Mr. Belledin and Ms. Coleridge-Taylor were reappointed to the board.

The finalist for the HRM Plan is HR&A firm. Staff are negotiating with them.

Staff are starting to consider fees and charges for next year. The City operates on a fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th.

Museums, Ernest Dollar:

COR Museum set another attendance record in August.

On August 2nd a new exhibit premiered produced in conjunction with the Mexican Consulate entitled, *Food for Thought: Immigration's Impact on Dinning*. The exhibit explores food's journey to your plate.

America's War: Individual Experience and Collective Memory premieres on Thursday and will be open until November. Wake Tech Community College curated the exhibit.

October 28th will be a museum program, *Sammy Day*.

The Pope House Museum produced the living history event, *The Doctor Is In*. The event drew an estimated 300 participants. The event featured interpreters in period dress and artifacts from the Pope House Museum Collection.

Ms. Freedman asked if Dr. Pope was on staff at Dorthea Dix Hospital or had any relationship with that institution. Mr. Dollar did not believe so.

Attractions, Scott Mott:

Family Game Night was a success with an estimated 100 participants. Visitors enjoyed the dance party, trivia and games.

In October, Pullen will start the *Dinner and Movie* series again. The series runs every Friday night with food provided for sale by Pullen Place Café.

On October 14th, Pullen will host the *Scarecrow Festival* from the Pullen Park Art Center this year. Participants decorate and dress the scarecrows and Pullen provides supplies like the cross, and the hay bales.

The *Pumpkin Patch Bash* will be held the same day. The event began last year and provides carnivals games and pumpkins for sale.

Holiday Express is coming up in December.

Sites, Joshua Ingersoll:

School group season is in full swing with schools scheduled for field trips throughout the fall.

Plaster repair finished in the Mordecai House.

The *Escape to Freedom* event this year ran two weekends. The first weekend sold half the tickets and the second weekend sold out. MOJOAA Performing Arts Company did a great job again as an event partner.

Haunted Mordecai is coming up on October 28th featuring a hay maze, pumpkin patch, carnival games, and a costume contest for the kids during the day. Ghost Guild investigative group will be on site to reveal their findings from the Moredcai House.

Haunted Mordecai also features the *Haunted Lantern Tour* and *Haunted Trolley*. Tickets are still available for both.

Santa's Trolley is sold out for December.

Moore Square, Jenna Kostka:

The construction contract for Moore Square was approved by City Council on September 5th.

Construction is scheduled for 14 months and should begin in November.

Ms. Kostka is continuing to host conversations with local business and property owners around Moore Square. Staff continues to work on programming, operations, sponsorships, and hours for the park.

There will be artwork displayed on the construction fences around the park.

3. Chair's Report:

- a. No report

4. Old Business:

HRM Annual Work Plan, Troy Burton

Staff reminded the board to begin working on committee work plans for 2018.

The Board submits their work plan to City Council for approval.

5. New Business:

Committee Assignments, Ed Morris

Mr. Morris will make committee appointments for board members at the October board meeting.

Mr. Mordecai asked to be considered for the Program and Exhibit Committee.

Mr. Morris recommended Ms. Hall to be on the Community Engagement Committee.

6. Committee Reports

- a) **Collections Committee, Clare Bass:** The committee met to consider objects presented by Ms. Powell for accession. There were a total of 11 collections to be considered including a mixture of objects like hotel keys from Sir Walter, a Player's Retreat menu, and an original chandelier for the Tucker House. Staff is still working on the HRM Collections Plan to be reviewed by committee.
- b) **Community Engagement Committee, Barbara Freedman:** The committee met and talked about committee roles as well as a support group for all HRM Programs.
- c) **Nominating Committee, Barbara Freedman:** Two board positions are filled. There is one vacancy with a standing nomination submitted to City Council for consideration.
- d) **Program/Exhibits Committee, Ed Morris:** The committee met and talked about committee roles and work plan.
- e) **Executive Committee, Ed Morris:** The committee reviewed the agenda, minutes, work plans, and committee structures.

7. Friends of the Museums, Barbara Freedman:

Ms. Freedman was not able to attend the last meeting.

The Friends of the COR Museum Board took a tour to learn about the Pope House Museum.

Ms. Freedman attended the first meeting of a working group for the Dix's Park Master Plan. She is on the group for the park and its buildings.

8. PRGAB Report, Amy Simes:

There was a ribbon cutting at Dr. Bill and Merrie Hedrick Homestead at Horseshoe Farm Park.

There is continuing work on the new drone policies.

There is discussion for opportunities for dogs to be in the downtown area for exercise and other needs.

The Wooden Meadow Park design is going to City Council in October.

Walnut Creek Wetland and Brentwood Park work continues.

October 7th will be the 79th Chavis Park Celebrates 12-6pm.

10. <u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Haunted Mordecai Festival	10/28	1pm-4pm	Mordecai
Haunted Mordecai Lantern Tours	10/28	5pm-9:30pm	Mordecai
Haunted Trolley	10/28; 10/27; 10/28	6:45pm; 7:45pm; 8:45pm	Mordecai
Dinner & Movie	10/6; 10/13; 10/20; 10/27	7pm	Pullen Park Amusements
Pumpkin Patch Bash	10/14	1pm-5pm	Pullen Park Amusements
Teen Fright Train	10/30	7pm-9pm	Pullen Park Amusements
Storytime with Sammy	10/3	10:30am-11am	COR Museum
Sammy Day	10/28	10am-4pm	COR Museum

11. Committee Meeting Reminders	Date	Time	Location
Collections Committee	11/27	3pm	TBD
Community Engagement	10/11	5:15pm	Mordecai Visitor Center
Nominating Committee	TBD		TBD
Program and Exhibit Committee	10/10	5pm	COR Museum
Executive Committee	10/20	8:30am	Tucker House
Monthly HRMAB Meeting	10/25	6pm	Mordecai Visitor Center

** All meetings of HRMAB Committees are open to the public.*

12. Adjournment, Mrs. Freedman:

Ms. Freedman asked if there were any questions or comments before closing.

This will be Amy Simes last meeting with the board.

Mr. Payne invited everyone to come out to the Forest Ridge Park ribbon cutting on Saturday September 30th.

With no further discussion, Ms. Freedman adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.